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Shooting Ranges Allowed to Open in Pueblo County

Pueblo, CO — Pueblo’s public health director, Randy Evetts, announced today the reopening of outdoor gun and archery ranges in the county. Indoor ranges remain closed.

Shooting ranges have been closed since March 25 when Governor Jared Polis issued an executive order requiring non-critical businesses, organizations, and agencies to close. Later some exceptions were clarified but gun ranges were not specifically addressed.

Local public health directors have sought additional clarification from the State regarding gun ranges but no information has yet been provided. Given this delay, Evetts recommended the outdoor ranges be allowed to temporarily open under strict social-distancing guidelines to provide an opportunity for outdoor recreation.

Evetts noted, “Outdoor gun and archery ranges provide additional safe outdoor activities for our residents. Shooters are usually in their own shooting alley or at individual shooting benches. Social distancing is easily maintained at 6-feet or more between benches or alleys.”

Gun ranges are expected to follow all Public Health Orders regarding social distancing. Patrons should wear a cloth face mask and wash their hands often. Surfaces should be disinfected if possible. In addition other guidelines must be followed including:

- No sale of food, beverages, ammunition or other supplies on site
- No rentals of guns or archery equipment
- No tournaments or events
- No fees or reservations will be made on site. Reservations and payments should be made online or by other alternative methods.

“The opening of the outdoor ranges remains conditional on guidance from the Attorney General that might require closure and may be revoked in the interest of public health should the COVID-19 pandemic worsen in Pueblo County, “Evetts said.
Everybody has a responsibility to protect the most vulnerable in Pueblo by:

- Follow Governor’s Stay at Home Order to stay at home through April 26, 2020.
- Wear a non-medical cloth face covering while out in public for necessary activities.
- Minimize social activities and being physically close to other people.
- Isolate yourself if you feel symptoms or shortness of breath, cough, temperature of 100.4 or higher. Call your medical provider before visiting them.
- **Do not go to the emergency room unless medically necessary.**
- Wash your hands with soap regularly.
- Cough or sneeze into elbow or tissue.
- Stay home when you’re sick.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- Clean surfaces frequently touched

Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment encourages residents to seek out credible, reliable sources of information on COVID-19:

- [www.puebloemergency.info](http://www.puebloemergency.info)
- Call CO HELP at 1-877-462-2911 or email [COHELP@RMPDC.org](mailto:COHELP@RMPDC.org)
- Pueblo’s COVID-19 Hotline 719-583-4444

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